

BEFORE THE FISH AND GAME COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF)
GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE)
ORDER 2006-32)

Order 06-43

On September 8, 2006 Governor Risch issued Executive Order 2006-32 proclaiming an imminent threat to the health of wild elk herds, the public, and public and private property because of the escape of domestic elk from Rex Rammel's Conant Creek facility. The Executive Order requires the Idaho Fish and Game Commission to promulgate emergency rules or proclamations to allow licensed hunters and affected private landowners to take, possess, and consume escaped domestic elk.

Pursuant to the Executive Order and authority under Idaho Code, Section 36-106(e) and Section 25-3705A, the undersigned hereby declares that an emergency exists and finds it necessary to order a depredation hunt effective on September 19th and continuing through December 15th within a prescribed portion of Unit 62. The Director, or his designee, may direct hunters to additional focal areas within Unit 62 dependent on need.

Hunters participating in the emergency depredation hunt will be randomly selected from hunters possessing valid Teton 'A' or 'B' tags, holders of Controlled Hunt permit for Hunt Number 2122, and private landowners within the designated hunt. Public hunters will be allowed to hunt on U.S. Forest Service lands only within the prescribed hunt area. Private landowners will be allowed to hunt on all lands within the prescribed hunt area.

Hunters not holding Teton Zone elk tags or controlled hunt permits wishing to participate can sign up at the Idaho Falls Fish & Game regional office at 4279 Commerce Circle (208-525-7290). Hunters from the sign-up list may be contacted to participate if additional hunters are necessary.

Adult domestic elk are identified by the presence of a USDA metal ear tag. Calf domestic elk are not ear-tagged, but can be identified by close association with an adult domestic elk. Adult wild elk are identified by the lack of a USDA metal ear tag. Calf wild elk are identified by not being associated with an adult domestic elk.

Hunters harvesting a domestic elk must report the kill, USDA ear tag number, gender, and age of elk (adult or calf) to the Idaho Fish and Game within 3 business days. Hunters harvesting a domestic elk are not required to validate their elk tag. There is no limit for the number of domestic elk a hunter may take or possess.

Hunters harvesting a wild elk must validate their tag immediately upon kill and follow all existing Fish and Game rules for possession and transport.

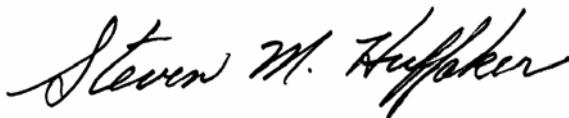
AREA DESCRIPTION: Fremont County Idaho, all Forest Service land in Big Game Management Unit 62 south of Fall River and north of Bitch Creek and all private land in Big Game Management Unit 62 within the following boundary; south of Anderson Road (1100 N), east of 4700E, north of Coyote Meadows Road (700 N) and west of the Forest Service boundary.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that a depredation hunt be held on dates and in the area described above, and that escaped domestic elk may be taken by eligible licensed hunters as described above, in accordance with the conditions listed above.

DATED this 15th day of September 2006.

IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME



Steven M. Huffaker, Director